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1. In December 1951 the Central Armored Army Group¹ (CAAG) was formed. It is under the direct control of the Chinese Communist Army Headquarters. It has full Soviet mechanized equipment. CAAG headquarters has been established at Nanyuan (0589/5373), Peiping. Officers of the CAAG headquarters include the following:

HSU Kuang-yuan² (6079/0342/6678), commander
LIU Chien-hsun (0491/1696/0534), political commissar
LIU K'ai (0491/0418), head of the political department
SHU Yun (2631/7189), chief of staff.

2. Units under the direct command of CAAG headquarters are as follows:

1 tank division
1 artillery division
2 garrison battalions
1 communications battalion.

3. Forces of the CAAG are as follows:

- a. The 71 Army³ now has headquarters at Mukden. Its officers include:

TENG Chih-ch'ao (6772/1807/6389), commander
T'AN T'ung (6223/0681), political commissar

Divisions under the command of the 71 Army are:

211 Division, 212 Division, and 213 Division.

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- b. The 72 Army has headquarters at Chinan (117-00, 36-41). Its officers include:

CHAO Hung-ta (6392/1347/6671), commander
FANG Chun (2455/3294), political commissar

Divisions under the command of the 72 Army are:

214 Division, 215 Division, and 216 Division.

- c. The 73 Army, with headquarters at Changchun (125-20, 43-53), has as two of its officers the following:

LI Tan-chiu (2621/0030/0046), commander
CH'EN Hsieh-chih (7115/6343/2535), political commissar

Divisions under the command of this army are:

217 Division, 218 Division, and 219 Division.

- 25X1A 1. [] Comment. No Central Armored Army Group has been previously
25X1A reported; it is believed that this refers to the Armored Force Command (see
[] for previous data on this force), which
was established in August 1950 under HSU Kuang-ta.
- 25X1A 2. [] Comment. It is believed that yuan (6678) is an error for ta (6671),
since HSU Kuang-ta is head of the Armored Force Command. With the exception
of HSU, no personalities can be identified.
- 25X1A 3. [] Comment. The 71, 72 and 73 Armies are not known to exist.
25X1A According to Attachment B of [] as of May 1951 the Armored Force
Command comprised the 1-4 Tank Divisions, the 1-2 Independent Tank Regiments,
25X1A an independent amphibious tank battalion, and an independent border defense
tank battalion.
- [] Comment. Information in the text of the report does not agree with any
data available to this office.

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